

## Conneaut School District

### PUBLIC WORK SESSION

#### AGENDA

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

7:00 PM

The Conneaut School Board of Directors met Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at the Alice Shafer Annex cafeteria/gymnasium.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Vice President Mr. Don Ellis, Jr.

The following members answered to roll call:

Mr. Boyce	Mr. Burnham	Mr. Ellis
Mrs. Klink	Mrs. Krachkowski	Mrs. Luckock
Mr. Schaeff	Dr. Thomas	

It was noted Mrs. Sperry was absent.

#### Administrators Present-

**Superintendent:** Jarrin Sperry

**Director of Special Education:** Susy Walters

**Business Manager:** Greg Mayle

**Director of Buildings and Grounds-** Elwood Schell

**Technology Coordinator** – Rick Kelly

**Principals:** John Hines, Joel Wentling, Dave Maskrey, Doug Parks, Kevin Burns, and Adam Jardina.

#### Discussion Items

a. *Audit Update ...*

Mr. Mayle indicated there are two updates; the first is the local auditors are on site and doing field work and all is running smoothly. There should be a report in October.

The state budget: there is not much to report on with the long drawn out process of the state approving the budget. The good news is Conneaut is in a very good place to withstand this delayed approval by the state. September is a great real estate month therefore we are fine.

- b. *Coaches meeting update-* Mr. Burns/Mr. Acklin reported on last night's coaches professional development. Presenters included Mike Carr from the Meadville Medical Center, who announced the new facility in the K-Mart Plaza will be opening mid December. Our trainer, Bree O'Brien, was formally shared with Cochranton will now be solely at our middle schools and high school this new school year. This will provide better relationships with the younger students as they transition through the grade levels. She will dedicate Tuesday and Thursdays at Conneaut Valley Middle School, Thursday at Conneaut Lake Middle School. Mr. Acklin conducted the remainder of the meeting that night and discussed the shuttle bus schedule, practice schedules, presented a recommended coaches letter to be sent home to parents, team rules, eligibility

requirements, budgeting, awards, clearances mandatory classes and the Athletic Handbook.

Some of the Board indicated they would have liked to have reviewed the letter before it was presented to the parents. Mrs. Luckock admitted to have read the letter and felt it was appropriately worded by Mr. Acklin. She felt Mr. Acklin put together a worthy document and did not feel it would stop a parent from receiving any information.

Mr. Schaef added that he attend his first District X meeting, which lasted five hours. The first half of the meeting dealt with where to play in the spring. One major item for discussion is there is going to be a huge change in the playoff schedule this year. He briefed the Board with an example using basketball in AAA there will be 16 teams taking part in the playoffs, and 8 teams in AAA football.

This brought up the next added discussion item- there has been some picked up expansion of tournament, therefore, do you want to limit participation in tournaments depending on each specific team's record. This is a question he will address with the Board at a later date.

Leadership has changed in District X and Mr. Acklin is seeing major differences occurring with the new leadership.

c. *Cyber Program/Jamestown*

Mr. Sperry had been asked by Jamestown if our district would be interested in an agreement to allow Jamestown School District students into our cyber program. This would be in lieu of their students attending a cyber charter school. As Mr. Sperry had explained to the Board, their district does not feel outside cyber charter schools have a good instruction program, and learning is not taking place. Their superintendent knows our cyber program is successful. In further discussing this with Mr. Joseph it can be done with an open campus initiative agreement. We would have to set a price and have board approval only after Jamestown agrees.

In researching Mr. Sperry found that Seneca Valley School District has similar agreements with 12-13 school districts and it brings in over \$100,000/year.

With that, Mr. Sperry asked the Board if they are interested in entertaining this option and if so, at what price.

There was further discussion regarding added language, long term goals, money generating programs and state regulations/requirements.

d. *Bus Tour*

The Building bus tour will be Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> meeting at 5 PM at Central.

e. *Handbook Updates*

Mr. Sperry reviewed the updates to the handbooks. He noted the documents had to be reformatted due to formally using them in Word Perfect. Therefore, there is bound to be some errors.

The Board touched on a few areas, specifically not allowing parents to observe practices. Practices are closed due to parents interference. They are permitted to attend the last 15 minutes.

f. *Policies*

Mrs. Walters reviewed the following policies which are up for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading;

123 – Interscholastic Athletics

217 – Graduation Requirements

249 – Bullying, Cyber bullying, Harassment and Intimidation

806 – Child/Student Abuse

815.1 – Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/Internet Student User Agreement 2

819 – Suicide Awareness

915 – Volunteers

g. *Meeting location reminders*

Mr. Ellis reminded the Board the meetings in September will be located at Conneaut Lake Middle School.

h. *PSBA Update-*

Mr. Ellis reviewed upcoming webinars and announcements. The online registration is now available, early registration is open to anyone interested in attending the PSBA Fall Leadership Conference in October.

i. *Agenda Review*

The Board reviewed the draft agenda for next weeks voting meeting.

It was noted there will not be an executive session after this meeting is adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

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Mrs. Jody Sperry, Board President

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Mr. Greg Mayle, Board Secretary